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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: K. THOMAS et al.

Application No.: 09/898,255

Group Art Unit: 2876

Filed: July 3, 2001

Examiner: Daniel St Cyr

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM OF  
SETTING AN/OR CONTROLLING OF A  
FOOD PRODUCT DISPENSING MACHINE  
USING A TAG-TYPE COMMUNICATION  
DEVICE

Attorney Docket No.: 88265-4040

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated December 18, 2002 regarding the above-identified application.

On the following pages, claims 1-4, 6, 8-13, 18, 19, 21-23, and 30 have been amended. Claims 5 and 7 have been cancelled and new claims 33-34 have been added. A listing of all current claims is included for completeness.

An Information Disclosure Statement, with fee authorization, is enclosed.

A petition for a one-month extension of time to respond, with fee authorization, is

05/07/2003 CH also enclosed 501814 09898255

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